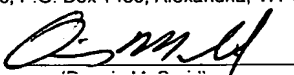


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary (hereinafter, "the Interview Summary") which accompanied the Notice of Allowability dated April 7, 2006. Since the Interview Summary did not indicate that the applicant did not have to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, the applicant is providing herein such separate record.

On March 29, 2006, a telephone interview between the Examiner and Dennis M. Smid (one of the applicant's undersigned attorneys) was conducted at the Examiner's request. During such interview, it was agreed by the Examiner and Mr. Smid that claims 4, 12, 13, 16, and 24 would be revised as indicated below:

Claim 4; change "the step of determining" to  
"the step of using";

Claim 12, change "as have been" to "as having  
been";

Claim 13, change "using the predetermined decoding key" to "using the decoding key"; and change "determined by said examination means as have not been decoded" to "determined by said receiver terminal as having not been decoded";

Claim 16, change "examination means" to "receiver terminal"; and

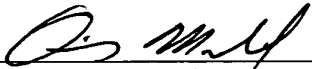
Claim 24, change "said examination means as have been decoded" to "said receiver terminal as having been decoded".

Additionally, during such March 29 telephone interview, the Examiner agreed to enter the above changes by Examiner's Amendment. Further, during such March 29 telephone interview, the Examiner indicated that except for the above changes all of the claims in the present application were otherwise in condition for allowance. Furthermore, during the March 29 telephone interview, the Examiner briefly mentioned two additional references.

If there are any charges in connection with this Communication, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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